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KANSAS CITY, KANSAS MAN SENTENCED FOR BEING A FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Larry D. Dodds**, 25, Kansas City, Kansas, was sentenced on May 12, 2004, by U.S. District Judge Kathryn H. Vratil to **46 months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by two years of supervised release.**

Melgren said that Dodds entered a guilty plea on February 9, 2004, to one count of **being a felon in possession of a firearm.**

Melgren stated that on August 14, 2003, the FBI Fugitive Apprehension Unit received information that Dodds could be located at a residence on North 74th Terrace, Kansas City, Kansas. Dodds was wanted on a parole violation warrant. The officers found Dodds lying in a bed at the residence and he was arrested without incident. During a search of the immediate area, officers found a loaded pistol hidden under the mattress where Dodds had been lying. Dodds admitted at his plea that the firearm was in his custody and that he had previously been convicted in Wyandotte County District Court in 1998 and 2000 for possession of cocaine. Dodds admitted that he knew that it was unlawful for him to possess the firearm.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the FBI Fugitive Apprehension Unit and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Terra Morehead in this prosecution.